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TICKETS FOR CHURCHILL DOWNS' 2018 SPRING MEET AND POPULAR DERBY WEEK EVENTS ON SALE THIS FRIDAY

Includes Opening Night, Thurby and Dawn at the Downs

LOUISVILLE, KY (Thursday, November 30, 2017) – Tickets to Churchill Downs' 2018 Spring Meet and Derby week events outside of Oaks and Derby go on sale on this Friday so get ready to secure seats for your favorite racing traditions. The sale includes tickets for the increasingly popular Opening Night, Thurby presented by Old Forester, Dawn at the Downs and Downs After Dark presented by Budweiser and Mother's Day. Tickets will be available at noon on Friday, December 1 at www.ChurchillDowns.com.

Tickets to the 144th Longines Kentucky Oaks and Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve went on sale in November. General Admission and other select locations are still available for both days at www.KentuckyDerby.com and VIP ticket packages are available at www.derbyexperiences.com

Derby Week Highlights

- **Opening Night presented by Budweiser:** Kick off Derby week and the 2018 Spring Meet in style with night racing that combines the thrill of racing and the best of Louisville arts on April 28
- **Dawn at the Downs:** Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet on millionaire's row while watching Derby contenders train from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1 through Thursday, May 3
- **Live Racing:** Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2
- **Thurby presented by Old Forester:** Celebrate the best of Kentucky's horseracing, bourbon and live music at the official start of Derby weekend with a day of live racing on Thursday, May 3

Following Derby week, the 2018 Spring Meet will resume its schedule of live racing every Thursday through Sunday through June 30.

2018 Spring Meet Highlights

- **Mother's Day:** Bring mom to the track for a day of thrilling racing and a delicious dining at this long time Louisville tradition on Sunday, May 13
- **Downs After Dark presented by Budweiser:** The best party in town with night racing on June 16

- **Twilight Thursdays:** Happy hour racing every Thursday during the Spring Meet with dollar beers and first post at 5 p.m.
- **Family Adventure Day presented by Kroger:** Racing for the whole family and fun activities for kids under 12 on Sundays June 3 and June 24
- **Father's Day:** Treat Dad to a day of racing with the Father's Day combo that includes a free beer, hot dog and program on Sunday June 17
- **Stakes and Eggs:** Enjoy a delicious brunch with family and friends in the Stakes Room during live racing every Sunday
- **Preakness and Belmont Viewing Parties:** Watch the second and third legs of the Triple Crown live on the Big Board between Churchill Downs races on Saturdays May 19 and June 9

For the full calendar of 2018 Meet events, ticket prices and post times visit www.churchilldowns.com.

About Churchill Downs Racetrack

Churchill Downs, the world's most legendary racetrack, has conducted Thoroughbred racing and presented America's greatest race, the Kentucky Derby, continuously since 1875. Located in Louisville, the flagship racetrack of Churchill Downs Incorporated (NASDAQ: CHDN) offers year-round simulcast wagering at the historic track. Churchill Downs will conduct the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve on May 5, 2018. The track's 2018 Spring Meet is scheduled for April 28 – June 30. An eight-time host to the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Churchill Downs will again be the site of that event on Nov. 2-3, 2018. www.ChurchillDowns.com.

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